

How You Can Help

- ◆ Send your contact information to receive the newsletter and help us spread the word.
- ◆ Volunteer to be a host or foster family.
- ◆ Volunteer your skills (medical, computer, design, translation, fundraising, travel, organization) from home, locally or abroad
- ◆ Donate your frequent flyer miles (see our website for information).
- ◆ Arrange for your group to hear a presentation about **Healing the Children**.
- ◆ Donate medical supplies.
- ◆ Donate to Healing the Children – Southwest during United Way and Combined Federal Campaigns (our CFC number is 7025).
- ◆ Remember Healing the Children – Southwest in your will.
- ◆ Help sponsor a child for surgery; or a nurse for foreign travel.
- ◆ **Make a tax deductible donation.** We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Every monetary donation generates medical services many times its value. Administrative costs are under 5%. This is a great return on your donation. We stretch every dollar.

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I would like to Volunteer

Name _____

Address _____

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Please send me information on:

Fundraising Medical Missions

Local Children Program Host Families

Newsletter - Public Relations Other

International Children Program

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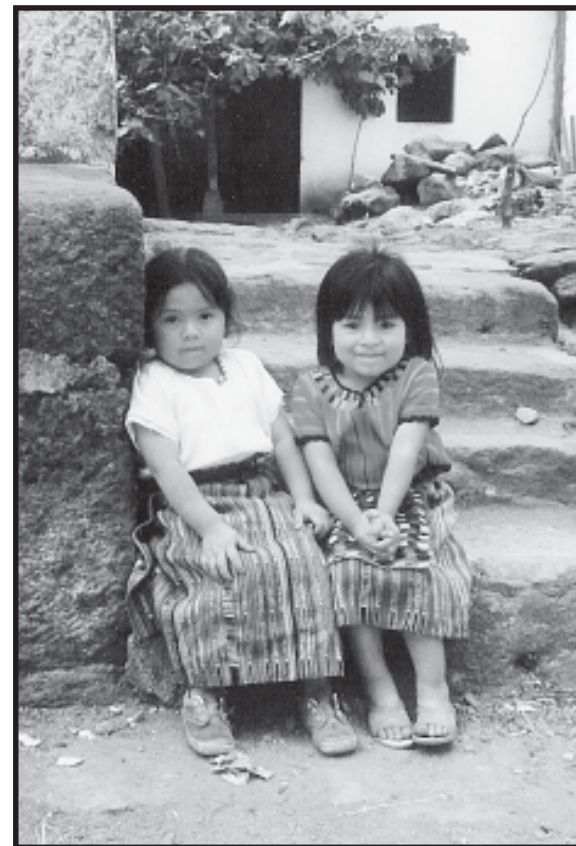


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SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

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*Every day children are
 suffering who can be cured.
 Children are dying who can be saved.
 Children are struggling with
 disabilities that can be eased.*

Introduction

Healing the Children-Southwest (HTCSW) is a volunteer, 501C(3) non-profit organization that operates in New Mexico, Texas and Colorado. It is composed of people like you who seek to help others. People who strive to provide medical care in the United States and worldwide for children who otherwise are unable to receive it due to lack of medical or financial resources.

We bring these children to health care, and health care to children who need it the most, around the corner, around the world, one child at a time.

Our History

In 1979 due to the death of a child, and their desire to turn grief into action, a couple began arranging heart surgery at Children's



Hospital in Seattle. From this first healing act, grew a volunteer organization that to date has served over 59,000 children from 75 countries. Healing the Children National currently has 14 chapters, serving in 23 states.

The Southwest Chapter of Healing the Children was established in 1989 by Debbie and Jim O'Rourke who lost their adopted son under similar circumstances. In 2002 the Chapter expanded to operate in Colorado and Texas becoming Healing the Children Southwest Chapter.

Domestic Program

In New Mexico the **Hardship Relief Project** assists local children with special equipment and supplies not covered by insurance or Medicaid; travel expenses to other medical centers; help with expenses for medicine or doctor visits for the uninsured; and in other

creative ways which help ease the burden of care for families. The Domestic Programs provide supplies to specialized medical clinics and hospitals, nursing programs and other community programs.

International Program

Children from countries where the medical treatment is not available are brought to the United States by airline employee escorts or a family member. They are housed, fed, and comforted by volunteer host families. They are seen and treated at no cost by volunteer pediatricians, surgeons, anesthesiologists, radiologists, and other specialists. Their care is donated by hospitals, laboratories, and home health suppliers. When their care is complete, the children return home to their families, taking with them the precious gift of health.

Medical Trips

Many generous medical personnel travel to Latin American countries to donate their skills. HTCSW co-ordinates and organizes these trips. To date we have screened thousands of children and completed hundreds of surgical procedures.

